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Serial No. Unassigned Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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For: HEATING OR AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM FOR A MOTOR
VEHICLE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.56

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of documents A1-A5 is described in the present specification. English translations of the French and German documents are not readily available; however English language abstracts are provided where available. The absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Document A6 relates to an air conditioning unit for vehicles.

Document A7 relates to an automotive air conditioning system having an air distribution compartment for directing air to multiple zones.

Document A8 relates to an electrical heating apparatus for passenger compartments of vehicles.

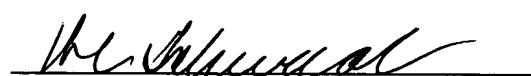
The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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